

Fire kills 27 prisoners in U.S.

BILOXI, Mississippi (R) — At least 27 prisoners died early this morning in a fire at the Harrison County Jail, a fire official said. The prisoners died of smoke inhalation, deputy fire chief Bruce Marie said. Eight firemen and three deputy sheriffs also suffered smoke inhalation in the blaze. Their condition was not immediately known. Mr. Marie said four fire-fighting units from Biloxi and nearby communities were called when the blaze started around 1:30 a.m. and the fire was quickly put out. The cause was not known. Fire officials said 30 prisoners had been taken to hospitals for treatment of smoke inhalation.

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Bomb injures 3 in Israel

TEL AVIV (R) — Three people were slightly injured Monday when a small explosive charge went off in the main street of Herzliya, a town north of Tel Aviv, police said. Passers-by said the charge had been placed in a plastic bag containing food and left in a garden outside a synagogue.

Majali meets Islamic team

AMMAN (Petra) — University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali met Monday with a delegation of the federation of Islamic Societies in the United States and Canada currently visiting Jordan. Dr. Majali briefed the delegation on the achievements of the university and explained the university policy towards students, which is based on equality, freedom and persuasion. The chairman of the delegation explained the role of the federation in influencing American public opinion for the benefit of the Arab cause. The delegation earlier visited the Shar'a College and the Islamic Cultural Centre in the university.

Royal Automobile Club to study new service on roads

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Automobile Club (RAC) will soon implement a project for setting up and operating a comprehensive system for service on roads and is preparing a feasibility study for the project. RAC sources have said. The sources added that the RAC is making contacts with several automobile clubs in the world which have this service. The project includes the use of several vehicles to render services to drivers as well as the necessary repairs in case of mechanical failure on roads. The service would also include first aid to victims of road accidents, towing damaged cars and securing the transport of the drivers and passengers to their destinations. The project, the biggest and the most ambitious of the RAC so far, aims at ensuring public safety on the country's road and curbing the number of road accidents.

Gunmen take over Peruvian embassy in Dominican Republic

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (R) — Unidentified gunmen burst into the Peruvian embassy Monday and seized the ambassador's wife, three daughters and some diplomats as hostages, a local radio station reported. Radio Central said the ambassador, Raoul Gutierrez Vargas, was not in the embassy at the time. The radio said police had surrounded the building. Rafael Rivera, interior minister of this Caribbean island republic, was trying to negotiate with the gunmen. The hostages included the embassy's second and third secretaries, the radio said.

NATO calls off military exercises

BRUSSELS (R) — NATO Monday called off an exercise in northern Greece after the Greek government decided not to take part because of a dispute with Turkey involving an Aegean island. Greece announced its withdrawal from "Apex Express 82" at the weekend because NATO's southern allied command would not include in the exercise the island of Lemnos, which lies in a disputed area near the Turkish coast. A NATO spokesman said the decision was made by NATO's defense planning committee. Theoretically the exercise could have gone ahead without Greece on Wednesday, but NATO sources said it would have been practically impossible without the host country's participation and logistics support. About 9,000 troops, including the allied mobile force with units from the U.S., Britain, Belgium, West Germany and Italy, as well as Greek soldiers, were due to take part.

Lebanese sectarian clashes claim 10 lives in Shouf area

BEIRUT (R) — At least 10 people were killed when fighting broke out between Christians and Druze Muslims at a Christian funeral Monday in the Israeli-occupied Shouf mountains, according to sources on both sides.

It was the highest death toll, for one day, in clashes which have erupted sporadically in the area over the last few weeks between rightwing Christian militiamen and fighters representing the Druze Muslim community.

The Shouf mountains and the northern port of Tripoli have been Lebanon's two major troublespots in recent weeks, while battered Beirut, patrolled by the Lebanese army and U.S., French and Italian troops, has been relatively calm. Both Christian and Druze sources said Monday night that a Druze group opened fire on a Chris-

tian funeral in the town of Kfar Nabrakh, 40 kilometres southeast of Beirut.

But a spokesman for the predominantly-Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) said the fighting was a family vendetta, rather than a factional or political clash, and sought to play down its significance.

He said a Druze family opened fire on a Christian funeral because Christian militiamen had killed members of the family a few days earlier. One of the Druze attackers and about nine Christians were killed, he said.

Security sources said three of the Druze attackers and 10 Christians were killed and 16 people wounded.

Israeli forces technically control the Shouf area but maintain only a light presence.

An Israeli military spokesman said Monday night Israeli forces had sealed off the area around Kfar Nabrakh to prevent fighting from spreading.

More foreign troops

Lebanon asked Austria and Belgium earlier Monday if they were willing to send troops to expand the three-nation peace force in Beirut, foreign ministry officials said.

Lebanon has already approached Britain, the Netherlands, Sweden and South Korea on the same subject and expects replies

Early rains promise good agricultural season

By Afifah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Torrential rains in Jordan during the past two days hold promise of a good agricultural season this year.

The season has just begun and "rain has come at the most appropriate time for the irrigation of the various grains all over the kingdom," according to Minister of Agriculture Under-Secretary Dr. Salem Al Lawzi.

Dr. Lawzi advised all farmers to continue with planting seeds, particularly corn and barley, directly after rain stops.

Fruitful trees were positively affected, especially olive trees, "for olives were washed from dust and hence production would be ideal and clean," Dr. Lawzi said.

"Jordan would face gradual depression in the next few days and consequently rain would continue. The country has been under the influence of a depression which originated in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea," Dr. Ali Abanda, director of the Meteorological Department said.

He added that depression will slowly and gradually continue towards the east and cold wind is expected in the region with a gradual drop in temperature.

Dr. Abanda pointed out that quantities of rainfall on the northern and central heights exceeded the expected quantity during the whole month.

To avoid traffic jams and road accidents during these prevailing weather conditions, Lt.-Col. Ahmad Dumour of the Public Security Traffic Operations Department advised drivers not to drive unless for urgent matters.

"If obliged to drive, people should drive as slowly as possible and avoid using brakes," he told the Jordan Times.

"Visibility is clear in most places, but the more people drive to the west of the capital, the less visibility, he said.

Lt.-Col. Dumour said that more car accidents took place during the past two raining days compared to other days.

Normally accidents take place daily, while during the last 2 days we have been informed of 50 to 55 accidents."

Pym starts 'listening' trip to Amman today

LONDON (R) — Britain's Foreign Secretary Francis Pym leaves for Jordan Tuesday to get a first-hand appraisal from King Hussein of renewed peace efforts in the Middle East.

The three-day official visit will be Mr. Pym's first to Amman since he took over as foreign secretary last April and British officials stressed it would be a "listening" trip.

"Mr. Pym will be going to hear what King Hussein has to say about the latest moves," said one official. "He is not going with any new peace initiatives."

British officials see Jordan as a central country in peace moves. They said Britain was encouraged by Jordan's positive response to the U.S. proposal for a Palestinian homeland on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and King Hussein's call for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to recognise Israel.

"We've always felt the PLO's refusal to recognise Israel was a stumbling block to peace," said one source in Mr. Pym's party.

British officials added that Mr. Pym would be particularly interested in

Biography of Mr. Pym page 3

Begin appears before massacre commission

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's army chief warned the cabinet that Falangist militiamen who carried out the Beirut massacre of Palestinians were bent on revenge, a member of a judicial commission revealed Monday.

The disclosure came when Prime Minister Menachem Begin appeared before the commission, which is investigating Israel's role in the slaughter of hundreds of civilians last September.

After telling the inquiry no one could have foreseen the tragedy, Mr. Begin was handed the minutes of a cabinet meeting which was briefed a few hours after Israel sent Falangists into the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

The Christian militia, under orders to root out commandos, moved into the camps of their Palestinian opponents after Falangist leader Bashir Gemayel was assassinated.

One of the commission members, reservist Gen. Yona Erfat, said the minutes showed that

mission that he authorised the move into the camps after consulting generals and intelligence chiefs in Beirut.

Mr. Begin said he did not know the militia had entered Sabra and Shatila until the cabinet meeting.

His testimony, given in a classroom on the heavily guarded campus of Jerusalem's Hebrew University, lasted only 45 minutes. He began by declining an opportunity to read out a personal statement and opted to face immediate questioning from the commission.

In his testimony, broadcast live by Israeli radio stations, Mr. Begin said: "At the time nobody could have thought there was a possibility of this (massacre) happening."

Israel's forces had no reason to distrust their Falangist allies. "Our experience up to that time had been that they had behaved like a regular army force," he added.

Defence Minister Ariel Sharon has already testified to the commission that he authorised the move into the camps at the time.

Leaders of Gulf Cooperation Council members

BAHRAYN (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and rulers of the five other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council begin a two-day meeting here Tuesday on co-ordinating economic, political, security and defense policies as a step towards eventual union of their countries.

They will also discuss the Iraq-Iran war, Lebanon and Middle East peace efforts in which Saudi Arabia is playing a key role.

The summit's main highlight will be endorsement of a two billion dollar investment fund, which Bahrain Finance Minister Ibrahim Abdel-Karim said would operate both regionally and internationally.

The fund, which will be based in either the United Arab Emirates

(UAE) or Kuwait, is to be launched next month when a unified economic agreement approved a year ago at a summit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, will come into effect.

Under the agreement, which aims at creating a common market, trade, travel and tariff barriers among the six Gulf Cooperation Council countries will be lifted on Dec. 1.

The framework agreement, which covers petroleum and all other economic areas, is the first major outcome of the council since it was formed by Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE 18 months ago. It followed Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the Iran revolution and the Gulf war.

The economic integration of the six, which produce about one-fifth of the non-Communist world's oil, is complex and is expected to take some time to achieve.

Internal security and defense are the immediate worries of the pro-Western, conservative countries, especially because of the two-year-old Gulf war on their doorsteps. Non-Arab, fundamentalist Iran has made fresh territorial gains in its latest offensive against Iraq.

Bahrain Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sultan Al-Khalifa, whose country's relations with Iran soured following discovery of an alleged Iranian-backed plot last December, said last week the prime reason for creating the council was to ensure the member states

begin meeting in Bahrain

The council's Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs Ibrahim Al-Sobhi has said that unifying defense would take longer to achieve.

Plans for a unified security pact have been set back following Kuwait's objections to an extradition clause in a bilateral security agreement proposed by Saudi Arabia.

The kingdom signed similar agreements with Bahrain, Oman and the UAE soon after the Bahrain plot affair as a step towards unified security pact.

This week's summit will also endorse an agreement last month between Oman and South Yemen on normalization of relations.

Jordan to get Kuwaiti loan

KUWAIT (R) — The state-owned Kuwait fund for Arab economic development has loaned 23.8 million dinars (about \$77.5 million) to Jordan, China and Tunisia, the official Kuwait News Agency said Monday. Jordan's 10 million dinar loan for a thermal power plant is for 26 years, including a grace period of six years, at four per cent interest. Tunisia's 2.8 million dinar (\$9.5 million) loan for an agricultural project carries a three per cent interest rate and is repayable over 24 years, including a grace period of five years.

Danish minister says there should be direct negotiations

By Samira Kawar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Uffe Elleemann-Jensen, current president of the European Council of Ministers, said Monday that direct negotiations between all parties concerned in the Middle East conflict is the only way of achieving lasting peace.

President Amin Gemayel has called for the multinational force, now made up of some 4,000 men from the United States, France and Italy, to be boosted to 30,000.

Lebanese officials say they are waiting for a positive response from the countries contacted before making any formal requests for troops.

Sunday night Britain said it would give careful consideration to the Lebanese approach.

No firm commitments of troops were known to have been made, except for an offer of 2,000 men from Morocco.

ials as "substantial" and said that Jordan "should play a crucial role in the peace process."

But he also warned that "peace is only possible if both Israel and the Palestinians admit that their maximum aims are unattainable." However, he declined to define what the term "maximum unattainable aims" referred.

He said that the 10 European Community members had welcomed the proposals of U.S. President Reagan made on Sept. 1 although they did "not go as far as some Arabs and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) would wish, nor as far as the European Community would wish."

The Danish foreign minister described his talks with King Hussein and top-level Jordanian off-

icials' right to exist and renounce terrorism."

He denied press reports that while in Beirut, he had called for a visit by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Copenhagen. He said that the statement attributed to him had really been that if Arafat had something new to tell the European Community, he would be received in Copenhagen.

He said no invitation had been extended to Mr. Arafat to visit Copenhagen, and that the matter had not even been considered.

Upon departure from Amman, Mr. Elleemann-Jensen was seen off by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, European Community ambassadors to Amman and the honorary consul general of Denmark in Jordan.

Iraq says latest Iranian attack crushed

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Monday it had crushed Iran's latest attack in the southern sector of the Gulf war front and killed 1,000 Iranians.

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Princess Basma gives birth to a baby boy

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Court has announced that a baby boy was born to Her Highness Princess Basma and her husband Walid Al Kurdi on Monday.

The newly-born was named Saad.

World Council of Churches condemns Israel

AMMAN (Petra) — The general assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) condemned the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and called on the Israeli government to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 509 stipulating the withdrawal of the Israeli forces from Lebanon.

In a statement a copy of which was delivered on Monday to Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Kamel Al Sharif, the WCC expressed its solidarity with the Lebanese and Palestinian people and support of Lebanon's unity and territorial integrity.

The WCC protested against the Israeli practices of preventing international humanitarian agencies from visiting detainees and obstructing the arrival of aid sent to the victims.

The statement calls on the United Nations and the world governments to help find a solution for the Palestinian issue and to support the initiatives forwarded for finding a comprehensive and just solution in the area as well as securing the right of the Palestinian to self-determination and providing the opportunity for the Lebanese to build a unified Lebanese society.

4 African countries discuss OAU Tripoli summit

RABAT (R) — The summit of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) due to open Nov. 23 in Tripoli was a key topic at talks this weekend among leaders of Morocco, Niger, Guinea and Senegal.

The four countries were among 19 African states that boycotted the Tripoli summit when it was first convened in August in protest against the presence of a self-styled Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) proclaimed by Polisario guerrillas fighting Morocco for control of the Western Sahara.

The sources said the question of whether to attend the summit this time or not was discussed in the Moroccan city of Fez by Presidents Sekou Toure of Guinea and Seyni Kountche of Niger, and Senegalese Foreign Minister Moustapha Niasse.

Official gave no details of the talks conducted by King Hassan

Syria says no withdrawal until Israelis leave Lebanon

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MIDDLE EAST

Zionist holocaust proves final resolution of liquidation

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following are excerpts from articles on the Zionist holocaust in Lebanon published by Concerned Citizens of the United Kingdom in London.

"Do Israel's ends in Lebanon, now also those of America, justify the horrendous means?" asks a New York Times editorial, and then pacifies its disturbed conscience, saying: "Only if the Palestinian roots of the problem are properly addressed at last."

Americans may have an unlimited capacity for self-delusion about Israel, but Israel itself has no illusions about the proper way to "address itself to those roots": pull them out and destroy them. The Zionist holocaust in Lebanon leaves no doubt about it.

And even if Israel, at last, graciously accords some sort of "home rule" to those "animals" and "bastards", can this ever justify the brutal, savage, inhuman crimes she is committing against humanity? Every man and woman, with some humanity in them, must know what Israel is doing and must rise to stop it.

In Towards a Final Solution in the Lebanon? appearing in New Society, Aug. 19, 1982, Scherman and Shore conclude the horrifying story of Israeli crimes in Sidon with these words:

"What is recorded here is not explicable in terms of excess. Neither the nature of war nor human character are responsible for the crimes against humanity inflicted on the Palestinians. A state and institutions which deny the existence of a people at once displaced and dispossessed, denied civil rights and refuse national existence, lead inexorably to the final solution of liquidation."

In Israel's Policy Liquidation in Lebanon, appearing in The Guardian, June 26, 1982, Michael Adams has no illusions either:

"Israel does not covet one single square inch of Lebanese soil. My heart sank when I heard Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin, say this in a television interview on June 21. For I remembered vividly how one of his predecessors, Levi Eshkol, had said on the opening day of the '67 War in 1967 that Israel has no intention of annexing even one foot of Arab territory."

Today Mr. Begin's meeting with a more sceptical response than Eshkol received in Europe, at least, although the capacity of the American for self-delusion about Israel and its intentions seems to be unlimited...

... (Lebanon's) invasion has provided for those with eyes to see a significant pointer to Israel's underlying intentions in the Middle East and the methods by which the Israelis hope to achieve them. In 1967 a determined effort is being made to disguise the intentions and to mislead public opinion inside and outside Israel about the methods the Israelis are using in the Lebanon..."

The slaughter of civilians

(One Zionist Federation's adver-

tsement asserts) with what in other circumstances might have been taken for a macabre sense of humour, that in the Lebanese operation "the Israel Defence Forces took maximum precautions to ensure that the civilian population was not harmed."

The casualty figures from the Lebanon cannot yet be precisely determined, partly because the destruction is on such a terrible scale and many bodies are still buried in the ruins, but also because the Israeli authorities have done their best to prevent any independent witnesses, especially the officials and relief workers of the United Nations and its agencies, from going to see for themselves the extent of the carnage.

Preliminary estimates published by the Lebanese government put the dead at 10,000-12,000 Lebanese and Palestinians and the injured at about twice that number.

Israel's casualties numbered 220 dead -- giving a ratio of approximately 50 Arabs killed (most of them civilians) for every Israeli soldier. The disproportion and the fact that so much of the slaughter was caused by Israel's ferocious use of air power against largely undefended civilian targets, have raised a terrible question mark over the motivation for the invasion and the true intentions of those who ordered it.

Human obstacle

... For Jabolinsky and for those like him who carry Zionism to its logical conclusion, it was always obvious that the Zionist objective could only be achieved by force. It was wishful thinking to suppose that the Arab population of Palestine could be persuaded by any other means to abandon their birthright. Sooner or later this human obstacle would have to be removed.

Mr. Begin's government especially since General Sharon became its guiding spirit, has been the first government in Israel to face this crucial problem fairly and squarely. Probing the limits to which it was safe to go without losing American support, it has ventured further and further into the realm of open confrontation with the Arabs. And it has been reassured to find everytime that at worst, after bombing the Iraqi nuclear reactor or shooting a dozen teenagers on the West Bank, or annexing the Golan Heights, the Americans might delay the next shipment of F-16 fighter bombers for a couple of weeks.

Encouraged, Mr. Begin and his colleagues have... moved closer and closer to their real goal of unifying the West Bank and Gaza and transforming them outright into districts of their Greater Israel. But still there remains that tiresome human obstacle: the Palestinian people.

Liquidate them!

When GENERAL Sharon per-

suaded Begin to allow him to embark on the invasion of Lebanon, was he aiming to eliminate the PLO as a fighting organisation? Or was there a different, a much wider objective? It is a question many people have asked and the most authoritative answer to it has come from a man who has been closely associated with longer than anyone else now living with the Zionist movement and the emergence of the Jewish state, the former president of the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Nahum Goldman.

In the course of an interview in The Guardian on June 18, Dr. Goldman told the paper's Paris correspondent that he thought the Israeli action in Lebanon "out of all proportion to the threat faced on the northern border" (of Israel). And he went on to say, in what was surely a carefully considered judgement: "The apparent aim is to liquidate the Palestinian people -- something you cannot do to four million people".

... I believe it was a true verdict and that the Israeli intention in Lebanon has not been to minimise the enemy casualties but, on the contrary, to make them as heavy as possible, as part of a deliberate policy to intimidate, to terrorise, to persuade Palestinians and Lebanon alike, and the rest of the Arab world as well, so that terrible is Israel's strong arm that anything is better than to stand in the way of it.

The Holocaust

The horrifying story told by a Norwegian medical team -- which had included Dr. Berge and two child care specialists, Oyvind and Marianne Moller -- from Ain el Helwet, a refugee camp near Sidon, sheds ample light on what inhuman savagery means Israel is resorting to. (New Society, August 19, 1982.)

Peace in Galilee

... (The government hospital) was a landmark visible for miles. During the four days that Giannou was there, it was under attack...

For the next days there was no water, none for cleaning and no drinking water for the sick and dying. Patients and staff drank intravenous infusions...

We were lined up in a row. We had to place our arms on the person standing in front. Seven soldiers were guarding us. We were then taken to a content school surrounded by large walls. There were two school yards. Soldiers told us to get down on our knees with our hands forward. My hands were pulled behind my back and tied together. I was blindfolded. I heard all around me screams of pain. Then there were shots. We were taken into the large school yard. Inside there were between 500 and 1,000 prisoners".

Destruction of a city

Marianne Moller describes how this city of 80,000 was completely destroyed: "It smelled like dead bodies everywhere. It was devastated. One girl who worked with us in the rehabilitation centre went into the camp before me and said: 'There were bodies, dead bodies, everywhere on the street. I couldn't go on. I had to turn back from the camp'. And she knew of two shelters: 'One shelter collapsed on 500 women and children. Everyone was killed. In another shelter, over 200 women and children had huddled in fear. It too, collapsed, killing everyone'.

Chris Giannou, a Canadian surgeon, also saw the scene in Ain el Helwet. He says it "was one of an apocalypse; it was like a lunar landscape. It was full of craters, blackened craters filled with rubble and debris, slabs of concrete and twisted iron bars..."

Hospitals bombed

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Hospitals did not exist?

... On June 9, Giannou spoke to an Israeli officer about the shelling of the Lebanon government hospital. Steinar Berge also appealed to an Israeli tank commander to cease the attack on Hospitals. But shelling continued. When Berge pointed out the locations to the tank commander, he noticed that the commander's map had no markings for hospitals. But later both Oyvind Moller and Chris Giannou saw the maps at the Israeli command headquarters. The photo-composites of the area had the hospitals clearly marked...

Medical staff arrested

... At the Sidon hospital, the Israeli army ordered everyone out. Patients had to stand in the sun for three hours. The hospital was searched. One doctor was allowed to assist in a birth. The Israeli army then arrested almost the entire medical staff...

... They lined me up", Oyvind remembers, "and made a large X on my back. They made a half-moon mark, with another half-moon mark facing it, on my back.

Save lives!

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Deliver dreams—by mail

TO AVOID delay in receiving, processing and taking decisions on government paperwork and other businesses, the prime minister, according to a recent report in Al Ra'i newspaper, has instructed all public sector departments and agencies to hand-deliver their mail to the Prime Ministry, rather than rely on the services of the post office. In effect, this is an official testimony that our postal services, which are an integral part and a function of many other government services, are not adequate enough to meet government needs, and, subsequently, the country's.

We can understand that because of low salaries, absence of modern technology and some mismanagement, our post office is not equipped to handle mail as efficiently and speedily as is the case in developed countries. But, first, it is the right thing to single out government mail for speedy delivery when many citizens also need to get their work done through the post office in given, often short, periods of time. Secondly, is it not more useful to utilise whatever extra resources that are going to be employed by government departments to speed up internal mail deliveries

in improving existing post office services? Could not the cost of a new motor cycle or a car be channelled into buying a modern letter-processing machine? Or the driver's salary paid to one more postman or used to increase present low salaries? Would not another vehicle on the road increase the probability of traffic accidents? Or the cost of the fuel it would consume in a year be added to the post office's budget in capital or recurrent expenditure?

Not long ago, the Ministry of Communications was talking about a new programme to widen and deepen its post office department's services to include paying bills and obtaining birth certificates by mail, and, to tell the truth, we enjoyed it. If the post office did just that, we seriously but happily thought, there would be no more waiting for hours to pay traffic fines, no endless queues outside government health departments and, evidently, no need to travel as far as a letter can reach.

For a while until recently, we hoped a dream could come true, by mail. But until that happens, we must not lose hope.

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Arab weight needed behind Jordan-PLO joint stand

The message His Majesty King Hussein sent to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat was on the latest political contacts in the world arena, and the question of co-operation and coordination between Jordan and the PLO.

Expressing the aspirations of the people of the West Bank to see the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship crystallised within the framework of a federation, and stressing the need for joint action by the two peoples, Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij made his statement Sunday.

The joint Jordanian-Palestinian action thus proves to be the cornerstone of Arab efforts and should be energetically formulated in the final shape of the struggle for the liberation of the occupied territories.

The sufferings of the two peoples through all the stages of the Zionist threat will always remain

the essential element of their integrated march.

Today, the Arabs find themselves facing the consequences of the Balfour Declaration, which was the springboard for all the aggressive practices that threatened their existence and civilisation, still continued to this day. It is now a pan-Arab duty, after all that happened, to support the dam, blocking the flood that aims at uprooting them—the dam of Jordanian-Palestinian solidarity, the real backbone of any joint Arab action.

The Balfour Declaration was a step on an evil path, and it is time for the Arab to issue a proclamation to their coming generations to purify the history and the geography of the region. A proclamation that undertakes to render all possible support to the joint Jordanian-Palestinian march, as the initial step for putting an end to the nightmares of oppression.

be solidified

which dealt a severe blow against such anti-popular trends.

The great majority of the Palestinian people under occupation courageously committed themselves to an anti-occupation attitude, regardless of the high price and deep sufferings they had to pay for their uncompromising stand towards the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. Such a brave stand deserves to be properly solidified and supported.

The King in his speech stressed that any solution to the Palestinian question should be based on United Nations' resolutions and according to its charter, international laws and human rights, the entirety of which clearly defines the boundaries between war and peace in the region.

To achieve such a noble goal of putting an end to all the evils of occupation, the Jordanian-Palestinian integrity should be rendered all possible support.

Al Dustour: A stand that should

Addressing the 20th batch of the Royal Military Academy graduates, His Majesty King Hussein said Sunday the Jordanian and Palestinian peoples are governed by deep-rooted ties of religion, blood, history and geography, and, nevertheless, by mutual aspirations, common dangers and a fate to continue their march together.

Such historical ties invariably extend to the present time and situation in which the Palestinian people in the occupied territories find real support rendered to them unconditionally, despite all the obstacles created by the Zionist occupation.

The occupation authorities' attempts to ruin such ties by creating anti-national groups, such as the Village Leagues, could not weaken the long-standing relations that tie the two peoples together.

Jordan maintained its national responsible stand, and stood up to its historical commitments.

Indira's grip on India's affairs remains tight

By Bernard Melnitsky

Reuter

NEW DELHI — Her hair is now greyer and she sometimes seems careworn, but Mrs. Indira Gandhi's smile is as disarming as ever and her grip on India's affairs remains tight.

Mrs. Gandhi, prime minister since 1966 except for a spell of nearly three years in opposition, celebrates her 65th birthday on the 19th of this month still very firmly in the saddle and with no visible rivals for power on the horizon. As happened during the term of her late father independent India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, even political opponents sometimes shrug their shoulders when the question of an eventual successor is discussed.

"After Indira, who?" is little more than an academic question since the prime minister appears in perfect health and not at all inclined to retire from the political stage. But the answers, by friend and foe alike, reveal the almost complete lack of any national rival. Either in her own Congress (I) Party or among the fragmented opposition.

Nehru's lieutenants and opponents included a body of experienced men who had fought alongside him for decades to attain India's independence from the British raj.

But after a brief period following his death when the prime

minister was Lal Bahadur Shastri, it was to his inexperienced daughter Indira that the Congress Party leadership turned.

The decision and its consequences illustrate some of the special circumstances of the world's largest democracy which comprises states of vast linguistic, cultural and religious differences.

The central government in New Delhi faces a variety of regional issues including demands for greater autonomy, inter-state conflicts and small secessionist movements.

It has to perform a continuing balancing act to maintain national cohesiveness. To succeed, a prime minister must be a figure of national stature, not identified too closely with any area, caste or religion. A proponent of secularism like her father, Mrs. Gandhi fills the bill admirably and millions of Indians from the educated elite to impoverished and illiterate villagers recognise it.

They sometimes disagree with her bitterly on specific issues, deplore her methods and accuse her of seeking to create a Nehru-Gandhi dynasty. But they acknowledge her unique position as a supra-regional leader.

No real power base

The Nehru family, Hindus of the priestly Brahmin caste, came originally from Kashmir and settled in Allahabad in what is now Uttar Pradesh state. From this

DE FACTONOMICS

Stage-setting with a tilt

By T.A. Jaber

that our issue is not given lower priority in the midst of American elections, the strengthening of the Lebanese central government and other matters.

I do not see, how allowing the present Israeli government to have a free hand in settling the remaining Arab land in the West Bank as well as destroying Arab educational institutions will encourage Arab moderation and bring forward a negotiating spirit.

Otherwise, Arab radicalism and fundamentalism will be enhanced considerably. In the midst of Arab frustration and Israeli intransigence, credibility will be seriously questioned.

The European Community is partly responsible and also capable of narrowing the gaps between possible negotiators. The EEC and its individual members should work in that direction and help in assigning fair roles and adjustments to the parties involved.

LETTERS

Praise the Lord -- not Israel

The following letter was written to editors of the *Praise the Lord* programme, Trinity Broadcasting Network at Tustin, California. The writer is presently in the United States.

I am an attorney from Jordan visiting California and I often watch your TV programme. Although I like and respect most of the impartial ministers who participate in your programme, e.g., Arthur Blessitt and others, I feel it is my duty as a Christian to draw your attention to the following facts:

Firstly, your programme, "Praise the Lord," should be changed to "Praise Israel" since your main objective is to generate propaganda for Israel via the Lord's name. Through your efforts American Christianity has become a hindrance to peace in the Middle East and world peace in general. Through your programme you are misleading the American public and are polluting it directly and indirectly with your political and religious sympathies for Zionism and the state of Israel.

Even your Saturday morning cartoon programmes for children have the same objective. In my opinion, your advertisements for Christians to visit the Holy Land in Israel is wrong and misleading. The Holy Land, which is occupied by Israel, is in Arab territory (West Bank of Jordan). There are other misleading issues which I could comment on, but it would take pages to list them.

Secondly, our Lord in His Ten Commandments said, "Do not kill." It is astonishing how you American Christians support the Israeli massacres of Palestinians, particularly when many Palestinians are dedicated Christians.

These killings began with the 1948 massacres of Qibya and Deir Yassin (Beitn al-Irgun) and are followed by many other barbaric massacres.

The recent Israeli invasion of Lebanon has left thousands of Arabs dead and homeless, not to mention this past September's brutal massacre of Palestinian refugees in Sabra and Shatila. The massacre of Palestinians in their camps is a unique tragedy in human history.

Thirdly, you know quite well that the unjust U.N. resolution of 1948 replaced Palestine with Israel and uprooted the Palestinians — the legal owners of the land.

Consequently, millions of dispersed Palestinians are living in exile, misery and destitution; and have been replaced by Zionist alien immigrants from all parts of the world. The Palestinians who have remained in Israel are tortured savagely and have suffered more than the Jews under the Nazi persecution.

The barbaric Israeli invasion of Lebanon has resulted in the unique and savage massacre of Lebanese and Palestinians and has led to a new holocaust and further dispersal of Palestinians. If Jews from all over the world are drawn to Israel and welcomed there, why shouldn't the existing dispersed and suffering Palestinians be welcomed in their legal homeland which was confiscated by Israel?

Lastly, the American Christians should take the initiative in buttressing world peace which is challenged and threatened by the turmoil and boiling situation in the Middle East.

Unless the Palestinians form their sovereign state in their homeland independent of any military occupation, the Middle East conflict will never be resolved and world peace will be endangered. Thus, we expect American Christians to participate in establishing peace with justice — a concept of justice that is not diluted by world politics and prejudice. Amen.

Sincerely Yours,

Emily Bisharat, Attorney
Amman, Jordan

Set the record straight about Italy and Beirut

To the Editor:

The editorial on Shatila and Sabra of Sept. 21 rightly asks: Where was the peacekeeping force? However, it fails to say that the withdrawal took place so early at the insistence of the American government. The mood in Rome certainly was more in favour of accepting Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan's request to keep the force after the evacuation of the PLO.

And it is only the Americans who seemed excessively intent on minimising their own casualties, as is shown by the fact that the Marines kept strictly within the perimeter of Beirut Harbour.

After the assassination of Bashir Gemayel, voices were immediately heard from Rome to the effect that the force should be sent back. This became the position of our government, as expressed by Mr. Colombo, before the massacres became known.

The Reagan administration did not accept the proposal until two days after the massacre was committed.

There is no need for polemic. Simply, after attending so many conferences at which American colleagues have questioned the willingness of Europeans to cooperate in non-NATO contingencies, I think the record should be set straight.

Giacomo Luciani
Istituto Affari Internazionali
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From the International Herald Tribune



visible challenge and unless something unpredictable happens, Mrs. Gandhi's rule over India should extend until the next general election due in 1985 and probably well beyond.

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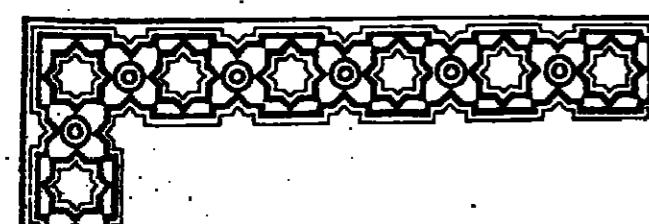
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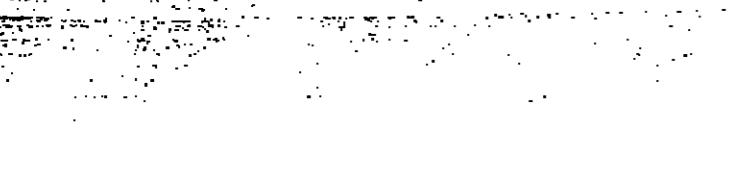
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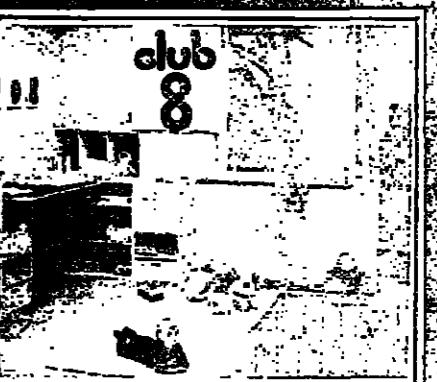
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SPORTS

Robson names 20-strong squad for England's clash with Greece

LONDON (R) — England manager Bobby Robson Monday called up three uncapped players to his squad for next week's European Soccer Championship clash against Greece but decided skilful midfielder Glenn Hoddle was not fit enough to make the trip.

Robson, continuing to promote young players in the search for a winning England blend, brought in Sammy Lee, Danny Thomas and Paul Goddard from the team which won the European under-21 Championship last month.

Midfielder Lee, who captained the under-21 side, has been a key figure in Liverpool's recent successes which have carried them back to the top of the League and into the quarterfinals of the European Cup.

"He has packed a lot of experience into his years with Liverpool, playing in so many important games that I'm sure an England debut will not unnerve him if he does get picked," Robson said.

England, who drew 2-2 in Denmark eight weeks ago in the first European Group Three match, suffered a 2-1 beating by West Germany in a friendly here last month. Group Three com-

pries Denmark, England, Hungary, Greece and Luxembourg.

West Ham striker Goddard was included in the party for a World Cup qualifier in Hungary last year but did not play.

Coventry defender Thomas, 21 on Friday, gets his chance because of injury to Viv Anderson and is the latest of a clutch of black players drafted into the senior squad.

But black wingers John Barnes and Mark Chamberlain have been relegated to the under-21 party to play in Athens on November 8, 24 hours before the senior team face the Greeks in Salónica.

Ray Wilkins, England's captain this season, is out because of injury but fellow midfielder Hoddle has not been given the chance to take over.

Robson watched Hoddle make his first division comeback in Tottenham's 1-1 defeat by Watford on Saturday after eight weeks absence with damaged knee ligaments.

"Glenn didn't look completely fit. This will be a highly competitive game and we will need every player to be 100 per cent fit. It was obvious to me on Saturday that he was struggling to push him-

self before he was really ready," he said.

But Hoddle, who appeared briefly in the World Cup in Spain, is to get his first chance to play for England's new manager against Luxembourg here next month.

Manchester United winger Steve Coppell and Liverpool defender Phil Neal, two of England's most experienced players are recalled to the squad.

Coppell has been plagued by knee trouble this year, but Robson said the injury appeared to have cleared up completely.

Omissions from the squad which faced West Germany included defender Russell Osman, midfielder David Armstrong and striker Cyril Regis.

Squad: Goalkeepers: Peter Shilton, Ray Clemence.

Defenders: Phil Neal, Danny Thomas, Phil Thompson, Terry Butcher, Alvin Martin, Kenny Sansom.

Midfield: Gary Mabbutt, Sammy Lee, Bryan Robson, Graham Rix, Alan Devonshire.

Strikers: Steve Coppell, Ricky Hill, Paul Mariner, Tony Woodcock, Tony Morley, Paul Goddard, Luther Blissett.

South African cricket officials face prospect of second rebel tour flop

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South African cricket officials face Monday the prospect of a second rebel tour this year after the Springboks crushed the Sri Lankan cricketers in a one-day match on Saturday.

With only four of the scheduled 14 games played, the visitors have a record of one draw and three defeats and the rest of the programme offers little comfort, with two more one-day and two four-day matches against South Africa to come.

Saturday's poor showing also means the tour, arranged by top South African Cricket Union (SACU) officials Joe Pamensky and Ali Bacher, could turn into a financial disaster.

The Springboks had an almost embarrassingly-easy 189-run victory over the tourists and there were murmurs among the crowd of 9,000 that the Springboks had eased up when the result became inevitable.

Captain Peter Kirsten, at best a medium-paced change bowler at provincial and county level, bowled his full entitlement of 11 overs while the side's four seasoned pacemen bowled only seven each.

The poor attendance at the one-day international has clearly

worried SACU officials.

"We don't want to con anybody. We never have intended conning the public," said former Springbok captain Bacher after the match. "Rather than knock the visitors we should realise how good our own players are. I honestly believe we could take on the world."

Added Pamensky: "The Sri Lankans have played everybody else in the world and they know how good they themselves are. What they didn't know was how good we are."

Sri Lankan player-manager Tony Opatha commented: "We knew the Springboks were good, but we didn't realise they were that good."

Opatha said his side's poor showing was due to nerves, but added: "We now know what we're up against—a side as strong as any in the world."

There is little question that the Springboks, who have been barred from international arenas since 1970 because of boycotts over South Africa's racial segregation policies, remain a formidable force well capable of taking on any world side.

The ironic twist in this tour is that by signing up players from a

non-white cricketing nation the SACU were trying to demonstrate the multi-racial nature of the sport here.

Sri Lanka is the latest member of the seven first-class cricketing nations and played its first test in February.

"If nothing else, it's a political breakthrough. Black players are competing in South Africa—and having a ball. That's the message we'll get through—that there is no racism in our cricket," Pamensky said.

The Sri Lankans have played against a number of non-whites, including black Transvaal province schoolboys player Shakes Grootboom, a medium pace bowler and part-time coach in the black township of Soweto outside Johannesburg.

There seems little prospects of generating a big gate at any of the remaining fixtures after Sunday's debacle and paying the estimated one million rand (\$870,000) cost of the tour is proving a major headache.

The SACU have been unable to find anyone to sponsor the tour and even the state radio station, in a daily commentary usually more given to anti-communist propaganda, appealed to fans to attend.

McNamee wins biggest tourney of his career

TOWSON, Maryland (R) — Unseeded Paul McNamee of Australia won the biggest tournament of his career with a marathon victory over top-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina in the final of the \$240,000 World Championship Tennis (WCT) classic here Sunday night.

The score was 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.

The four hour and 32 minute baseline endurance test was the longest singles final in the 12-year history of the WCT tour. McNamee, ranked 63 in the world, won \$100,000 and the fourth-ranked Vilas collected \$40,000.

It was the 27-year-old Australian's first win against Vilas in four meetings.

McNamee had reached the final despite having returned to the WCT circuit only last month after being out of action in August with a recurring back problem that made him seriously consider retiring from the game.

In his previous two tournaments the Australian had been eliminated in the second and first rounds and Monday he was playing with a left ankle injured in Tokyo last week.

Both men stuck to baseline rallies to share the opening two sets. In the third, Vilas looked like taking control when he broke to a 3-2 lead with a superb backhand passing shot.

But in the eighth game an error-prone Vilas conceded his service on a sloppy backhand and then failed to score a point in the final game.

The 30-year-old Argentine, however, took the fourth set easily and jumped on top in the fifth set, breaking McNamee in the first game.

But the Australian immediately broke back. Playing confidently, he again broke Vilas' service in the fourth game with the help of a double fault and three careless groundstroke errors by Vilas.

With McNamee now hitting out aggressively, the rest of the set went on serve. Vilas saved four match points in the eighth game and one in the final game, but on the next point McNamee clinched his upset win when a Vilas backhand return hit the top of the net and fell back into his court.

McNamee's only previous singles title of significance came at a Grand Prix event in Palm Harbor, Florida, in April 1981.

Visiting Norwegian soccer team to play local clubs

AMMAN (J.T.) — Due to bad weather conditions, it has been decided to postpone the soccer match between the visiting Norwegian team and the Ramtha football club team scheduled to have taken place at 3:30 p.m. Monday. The match will now be held today, Tuesday.

The Norwegian team arrived in Amman on Sunday for two matches—one with the Ramtha team and the other with Al Wihdat team scheduled for Wednesday.

The Norwegian team is comprised of non-professional players six of whom are from Norway's national team. The rest are members of the under-21 national team.

The visiting team will be representing Norway at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984.

The team's trainer, Mr. Tor Rost Fossen, said that Norwegian soccer has recently witnessed a tangible development through the intensification of training and international matches whether on the national level or club level.

Torrance of Britain bags Portuguese golf

LISBON (R) — Sam Torrance of Britain won the rain-reduced Portuguese Open Golf Championship by four strokes here Sunday, leaving Australia's Greg Norman the top money winner on the European circuit this year.

Norman, the first Australian to win the European money title since Norman von Nida 35 years ago, was back in Australia while his rivals fought out the final tournament in Lisbon.

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England scrambles to one-wicket victory over Western Australia

PERTH (R) — England scrambled to an undignified one-wicket victory over Western Australia Monday. But there was an even bigger scramble to blame the pitch for the low scoring.

That England won at all was almost entirely due to Derek Randall who was eighth out for a pugnacious 92.

As it was, England still needed another five runs when last man Bob Willis came to the wicket. But he and wicketkeeper Bob Taylor hung on to steer England to the winning total of 209 for nine, the only score above 200 in the four innings.

Scores in the match were: Western Australia 167 and 197, England 156 and 209 for nine.

Both captains—Willis and Kim Hughes—said the pitch had given an unfair advantage to the bowlers. Hughes said some cracks in the pitch were an inch wide. Willis said it was too damp at the start and the cracks started appearing on the first day.

An England victory seemed a mere formality at the start of the final day when they resumed their second innings at 168 for five, needing only 41 more runs to win.

But fast bowler Terry Alderman grabbed four wickets for

seven runs in 20 deliveries to produce a knife-edge finish.

Alderman removed Derek Pringle, Geoff Miller, Randall and Norman Cowans as the score crashed from 187 for five to 204 for nine. He finished with five for 67 off 22.2 overs and match figures of 10 for 130.

Dennis Lillee finished the match with six for 117, a performance which bodes ill for England in the first test.

Randall and Pringle put on 105 in 41 minutes before Pringle pulled a ball from Alderman and was caught by Graeme Wood just forward of square leg for 24.

Alderman then had Miller, bat-swinging despite an injured finger, caught for six before finally trapping Randall into chasing a wildish ball and edging a catch to wicket keeper Rod Marsh.

Randall's 92 came from 136 deliveries in 166 minutes and included nine fours and one six.

Alderman trapped Cowans leg before for one but could not make the final breakthrough that would have brought the state side an astonishing win.

Hughes said the strip on which the match was played had caused problems since it was laid less than five years ago. "The cracks in the

pitch were more than an inch wide in places—and it certainly made it very difficult for the batsmen," he said.

But he declined to blame the pitch for his side's defeat. "If we had held our catches we would have won. In fact I don't think anyone in the English side would have got past 30 if we had accepted our chances."

He added that he had no doubt the pitch for the first test, starting here on Friday, would be much better.

Willis said England's bowlers should have been able to dismiss Western Australia for fewer than 167 in the first innings. But he was very pleased with young fast bowler Norman Cowans, who took seven wickets in the match.

The twin failure of opening batsmen Chris Tavaré and Graeme Fowler was far from disastrous, he added. "Lillee can get anybody out with the new ball, and I don't think any of our players should be shattered at getting out on that wicket," he said.

Willis said Miller's bruised right index finger was improving, but the selectors would keep a close watch on him during the week.

British Jockey Club deal secures Grand National future

LIVERPOOL, England (R) —

The future of the Grand National horse race became even more secure Sunday night when the British Jockey Club signed a deal to buy the Aintree race course site for £4,250,000 (\$7,055,000).

The deal, first announced on Wednesday, was hammered out after nine hours of negotiations with course owner Bill Davies Sunday. It brings to an end years of wrangling over the 270-acre course which threatened to drive the National, one of Britain's greatest sporting spectacles, into extinction.

Under the agreement, Davies receives an immediate £500,000, half of which is down payment on the total cash price with the other half for the right to stage next year's race on April 9.

The deal guarantees next year's running of the race and gives the

Jockey Club until May 1 to raise the total sum needed to buy the track.

A professional fund-raising team has been assembled by the club and fund raising will begin immediately. Initially money will be sought from within the racing industry at home and abroad and with the public being asked to donate to a worldwide appeal later on.

Strong support is expected from America and Ireland and already a large sum has been promised from an English racing enthusiast.

Davies bought Aintree for £3 million (\$5 million) in 1973 but said later it was the worst deal of his life.

He offered to sell it for £7 million (\$11.7 million) last March but the figure was then whittled down in prolonged negotiations with Jockey Club.

Soviets maintain lead in World Chess Olympiad

LUCERNE, Switzerland (R) —

The Soviet Union maintained a slim lead in the World Chess Olympiad after the eighth round in which the established order was rarely challenged.

The Soviet chess masters held their lead with a tight 2.5-1.5 win over Hungary while England and the United States slotted into second spot one point off the lead.

England had a convincing 3.5-0.5 win over France and the U.S. beat Czechoslovakia 2.5-1.5.

Canada continued to surprise and held the Netherlands to a 2-2 draw while a young Australian squad was set to produce an even bigger upset by drawing with eighth-ranked West Germany.

After three boards the West Germans, led by World Cha-

Leconte defeats Fibak

STOCKHOLM (R) — French teenager Henri Leconte ended the attempt of Poland's Wojciech Fibak to win three straight Grand Prix tournaments by grabbing 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory over the Pole in the semi-finals of the Stockholm Open Sunday night.

Fibak, who came here with the Paris title and a win of the Amsterdam tournament a week earlier, thus failed—just like he has three times before—to survive a Stockholm semifinal.

Leconte's opponent in the final will be another teenager, Swedish prodigy Mats Wilander, who defeated American Jay Lapidus earlier Sunday.

Fibak's patient, precise play gave way eventually to the 19-year-old Frenchman's power game. Leconte served aces, slammed home smashes and volleys, and whipped backhand cross shots to come back from two games down in the final set and take victory.

Leconte served shakily in the first set, but broke Fibak twice in the second set before falling behind early in the decider. But he recovered well, breaking back for 2-2, then another break in the eighth game was crucial.

Wilander, 17-year-old French Open champion, had to survive 15 aces by Lapidus but his heavy baseline strokes carried him through.

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British Airways to maintain Concorde services, Sir John says

LONDON (R) — State-owned British Airways will maintain supersonic Concorde services, the company's Chairman, Sir John King, said Monday after reports that the government intended to end public funding for the airliner.

Airline officials said the government was anxious to cut off the last £1.8 million (\$30 million) of annual support costs for Concorde by next March.

Sir John moved quickly Monday to dispel press speculation that the airline might scrap Concorde.

"Concorde services will go on," he said in a statement. "We are very happy about future prospects."

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher named Sir John chairman in 1981 to put the airline into good financial shape. The aim is to sell off the company to private investors in 1984.

British Airways' six Concordes are expected to carry 100,000 passengers across the Atlantic this year and show an operating profit of £6 million (\$11 million).

The future was not altogether bleak, however. The airline's bosses thought Concorde's support costs could be halved without detriment to its airworthiness and the airliner was meanwhile becoming one of BA's best money-spinners, the report said.

With its capital costs written off, there was a good chance Concorde would move into an overall surplus within a year or two, the Times said.

The airline was pressing the government to extend support for another year and asking that £50 million (\$85 million) worth of spares paid for by the government be handed over as part of the severance deal, it said.

"It will be some time before the present negotiations are completed, but the airline is clearly reluctant to scrap Concorde," the report said.

Meanwhile, State aid for recession-hit British industry was expected to be included in a government statement Monday projecting economic prospects in the run-up to the country's next general election.

The autumn statement to parliament by Finance Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe covers state spending, revenue and borrowing and shows expectations on the rates of inflation, unemployment and growth.

The statement could indicate how much money the government has available for next spring's annual budget, likely to be the last before an election that many politicians believe will be called next year.

The Conservative Party Leader Margaret Thatcher was elected prime minister in 1979 on a platform of reduced taxes — a pledge the Labour opposition says has been unfulfilled.

Commentators predicted that Sir Geoffrey, whose formal title is Chancellor of the Exchequer, would bow to pressure from business to relax the national insurance surcharge — a payroll tax paid by employers.

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI), the country's largest employers organisation, has been campaigning for the abolition of the surcharge.

Government sources indicated the chancellor would reduce it to 1.5 per cent from 2.5 per cent.

The chancellor is also expected to give broad hints about tax cuts in the spring budget.

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IATA says bankruptcy threatens world's airlines

GENEVA (R) — The world's airlines, hard hit by recession, are threatened with bankruptcy, massive subsidies or endless debts, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said Monday.

Problems facing the industry are staggering and their overall losses for this year and next will probably be above the \$1.9 billion and \$2.1 billion previously forecast, it said in its 1982 annual report.

If present trends continue, operating costs and debts could outstrip the carriers' assets and revenues by late 1983, said the report to be presented to IATA's three-day annual meeting opening here Monday. This would give the industry a negative overall net value.

"The industry overall is currently performing a precarious balancing act — walking a financial tightrope with the abyss of bankruptcy on the one hand and the

slippery slope of subsidisation or permanent bondage to the loan market on the other," Director General Knut Hammarskjold wrote in the report.

IATA's 120 member airlines, in a financial tailspin since 1978, have proved highly susceptible to the world recession, inflation, high interest rates and rising fuel costs — and will remain so in the foreseeable future, the report added.

"There is no reason to expect that the early 1980s will be more settled, trouble-free or predictable than the preceding five years," the report said.

Nor can the industry expect help from increased passenger demand or cost-cutting technological breakthroughs, it added.

Since they always need large loans to finance purchases of new airplanes, the airlines have been

particularly hard hit by high interest rates.

Interest payments rose by 50 per cent in 1981 while total passenger traffic fell by one per cent and traffic over the North Atlantic — the heaviest-travelled route in the world — grew by less than two per cent for its smallest rise since 1975.

Looking ahead, the report estimated IATA airlines would have to perform the almost impossible task of reaching profit rates of six to 10 per cent this decade to finance the \$104 billion of investments they will need.

About \$50 billion of this would go for new airplanes, with peak spending times around 1985 when most of the present noisy, gas-guzzling planes are retired and 1990 when the first generation of wide-bodied jets is taken out of service. The rest would be for other fixed assets.

"It would appear that the only alternatives to profit at a 6-10 per cent level are an industry which is massively subsidised — or an industry which is a hostage to the loan market," it said.

Excess capacity continues to

plague the carriers, the report said, with only 62 per cent of all seats filled on flights last year.

In addition, the industry lost an estimated \$1 billion through illegal ticket discounters, who cut prices by up to 70 per cent. Another \$600 million of potential income was blocked by national currency regulations, mostly in Africa.

The report said the industry had made some headway in reducing overall losses by cutting back staff, freezing or even reducing wages, cancelling or postponing aircraft orders and selling some assets.

But it remained a hostage to the recession, it added: "There can be no dramatic upswing in airline performance until the recession ends."

If the world economy recovers during 1983, the report said, airline losses could be reduced to \$1.4 billion that year and passenger traffic could rise by 4.2 per cent.

Interest rate payments would continue to rise, however, going from \$1.1 billion this year to \$1.7 billion next year and \$1.8 billion in 1984, it said.

Criticism mounts against France's economic ways

PARIS (R) — France ends its wage and price freeze amid mounting criticism at home and abroad of the methods used by the Socialist government to revive the economy.

France has been accused by neighbours of resorting to naked protectionism after announcing tightened import procedures and President Francois Mitterrand's administration has come under pressure from trade unions after nearly 18 months in office.

The unions staged a series of strikes directed at the government's recent austerity measures. A rejuvenated political opposition has added to the pressure by portraying the government's management of the economy as inept.

Staff controls will now replace the four and a half month freeze, at least until the end of next year.

Many economists and commentators also think that the next six months will be crucial to the franc, already devalued twice since the socialists were elected as French productivity and competitiveness in international markets have declined. Last month the franc sank to a record low of 7.25 to the dollar.

A widely expected 100 billion franc (\$14.1 billion) trade deficit is also sapping confidence in the currency.

Mr. Mitterrand's ministers argue that last June's 10 per cent devaluation against the mark — West Germany is France's major

trading partner — will soon improve the trade figures.

But prompted by warnings from Foreign Trade Minister Michael Jober, the government took a series of official and secretive decisions in the last three weeks to remedy the situation.

These are now under close scrutiny by the European Commission to see if they broke Common Market rules and have been widely interpreted as killing any faint prospects of trade liberalisation at this month's meeting of ministers from countries in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the first for 10 years.

Last month the cabinet proclaimed the need for drastic action and decided that all products sold in France must be labelled according to the country of origin and all customs documents for imports must be in French. It also introduced stricter controls for state companies on their use of foreign currencies and took measures to reduce energy imports.

More quietly, trade officials instructed state-controlled oil importers not to buy diesel fuel from the Soviet Union which Mr. Jober says has turned a deaf ear to requests to trim its 12 billion franc (\$1.8 billion) trade surplus with France.

France has a tradition of swift action if it thinks its national interests are threatened and it followed this up with measures

chosen as a symbolic gesture against Japan by declaring that all imports of video tape recorders, predominantly Japanese-made, must clear customs at Poitiers. And officials say that all imported hi-fi equipment would probably now have to pass through Clermont Ferrand.

Both towns are in central France, well away from the usual entry ports for Japanese and other imports.

French officials worried about Japan's substantial trade surplus, said they were determined "play the Japanese at their own game." Japan is often criticised for impeding imports through various measures.

French newspapers recalled that Mr. Charles Martel repulsed invading Arabs in the battle of Poitiers in 732 and said that it was

inflation below 10 per cent.

But in using controls, Mr. Mitterrand has annoyed his backers in the unions, although political commentators said the effects of nationwide strikes against the measures were limited and seemed more a token gesture than a lasting attitude.

The government's price strategy is not reach anti-inflation agreements with each sector of industry, only allow small price rises in the services sector and reduce traders' profit margins.

But its wage plans are causing the major political problem.

The government has decreed small rises for public employees and will limit rises in the large nationalised sectors of industry to the expected inflation rate of 10 per cent this year and eight per cent in

1983. It is hoping private industry will follow its example.

Political sources said this unexpected toughness from a Socialist government is likely to rebound against it in the municipal elections next March.

Against foreign criticism of his policies, Mr. Jober has denied that any of the recent moves are protectionist. But West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff said that they go a long way down the road towards protectionism.

France was unable to obtain any concessions from West Germany during a recent summit meeting and its new restrictions are bound to strain relations within the European Community with the arrival of a centre-right coalition in Bonn, political sources said.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Shares were easier in fairly quiet trading though government bonds rallied from early lows to end little changed on the day, dealers said.

The chancellor of the exchequer's economic statement contained no surprises and reaction after the official close was muted, they added.

Lucas ended 15p down at 134. Plessey, ICI, Grand Met, GEC, GKN, Thorn, Hawker Siddeley and Bowater lost 4p to 7p and the F.T. index at 1500 Monday was down 8.8 at 618.1.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One sterling	1.6565/75	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2216/19	Canadian dollars
	2.5535/45	West German marks
	2.8180/90	Dutch guilders
	2.2305/15	Swiss francs
	50.15/17	Belgian francs
	7.2970/3000	French francs
	1484.25/75	Italian lire
	276.20/35	Japanese yen
	7.5240/70	Swedish crowns
	7.3160/90	Norwegian crowns
	9.0750/80	Danish crowns
Onc ounce of gold	408.00/409.00	U.S. dollars

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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ARNE	ARMER	GUDIB
BARTH	SEASIDE	GLIBB
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	AUNT	ELO
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WORLD

Pope to visit Poland in 1983

WARSAW (R) — Pope John Paul II will visit his homeland Poland on June 18 next year, the official Polish news agency PAP said Monday.

Pap said the date for the visit, postponed in August because of martial law, was fixed during a meeting between Poland's Roman Catholic primate, Archbishop Józef Glemp, and the military ruler Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski here.

The brief announcement by PAP did not say how long the visit would last.

It will be the second pilgrimage to Poland by the Pope, whose visit in June 1979 prompted nationalist and religious fervour and helped create conditions for the establishment of the independent trade union Solidarity.

Pope John Paul was the first reigning pontiff to set foot in a Communist country when he came here in 1979.

There has been deep controversy over his second trip.

It was originally planned to coincide with celebrations on Aug. 26 marking the 600th anniversary of the presence of the Black Madonna icon, Poland's most revered religious symbol, at the Jasna Góra monastery in Czestochowa.

But Poland's Communist military authorities asked him to postpone the trip and the celebrations were extended over a year so that the Pope would be able to attend.

The Pap report said the church and military leaders Monday examined "the situation in the country and expressed a common concern about maintaining and strengthening calm and social order and also conscientious work".

The allusion to a common concern for calm apparently referred to planned demonstrations and strikes on Wednesday, called by underground opposition leaders to protest against the ban on Solidarity.

Archbishop Glemp said Sunday that the church identified with the

nation's bitterness at the loss of Solidarity. "A nation which is humiliated has the right to protest, to demand its rights, to be itself," he said.

But he said earlier that the church opposed the protests called for Wednesday because they would bring further repression by the military authorities.

Pope visits flood-ravaged region in Spain

VALENCIA, Spain (R) — Pope John Paul Monday visited the Valencia region of southeast Spain recently hit by floods which killed nearly 50 people.

More than a million people turned out to greet the pontiff, according to unofficial estimates. Crowds packed flag-decked streets and waved from balconies, and the facade of Valencia cathedral was decorated with a tapestry of flower petals.

In the cathedral square, the Pope addressed 3,600 old people and called for measures to prevent the aged from becoming strangers in their own society.

Valencia is famous for its oranges and fireworks shows and provided the Roman Catholic church with its two Spanish popes in the 15th Century.

Pope John Paul was to fly by helicopter Monday afternoon to Alcira, near Valencia, to visit one of the areas most devastated by the floods and console the victims.

Monday morning he met the judges of Valencia's unique court which meets outside the cathedral once a week to settle irrigation disputes. It is one of the oldest legal institutions in the world and dates back to when the Arabs occupied the region in the early middle ages.

Hijackers to be charged in Turkey

ANKARA (R) — Three gunmen of East German origin who hijacked a Soviet Aeroflot airliner to Turkey Sunday were in custody Monday and charges of hijacking and bodily assault were being prepared against them, officials said.

The hijackers' request for political asylum was being considered, they added.

The plane was still at Sinop airport waiting for a new pilot to arrive from the Soviet Union, an airport official said.

Three Soviet citizens of East German origin, armed with a pistol, knives and a screw driver, forced the pilot to fly to Sinop. Diplomatic sources said they wanted to go to West Germany.

Officials said the pilot and two passengers were injured when a fight broke out in mid-air because the pilot initially refused the hijackers' demands. After treatment for knife wounds they were taken back to the plane.

The same trend was apparent across the country, in cities and rural areas alike, and political commentators said it was unlikely to change much.

State radio and television reported in the early hours of 8.11.255 of 8,728,529 valid votes counted so far endorsed the constitution. Over 20 million voters were registered and voting is compulsory.

The constitution gives the president ascendancy over parliament and sets limits on political activity, personal liberties and trade unions.

It gives structure to the system

Evren's bid succeeds

under which the ruling generals have promised to restore elected government by spring 1984 at the latest.

In the months leading up to the vote, newspapers, former politicians, academics and others have criticised the constitution as not amounting to genuine democracy.

Only a few incidents were reported during voting. In the mid-eastern province of Gümüşhane one man was shot dead and several were injured outside a polling station in what local officials described as a family blood feud.

Five people were reported arrested in the western port of Izmir for urging voters to reject the constitution and in Ankara reporters said one of Prime Minister Bulent Uluslu's bodyguards was detained on a similar charge.

As part of their effort to gain a big majority in favour, the generals banned campaigning for a no-vote and barred criticism of several key clauses of the constitution such as those providing for Gen. Evren's installation as president and a 10-year ban from politics on former party leaders.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Captured PLO men stage protest

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli guards fired warning shots Sunday to break up a demonstration by captured Palestinian guerrillas in a camp in South Lebanon, eyewitnesses said. Some 5,000 Palestinians captured during the war in Lebanon protested against living conditions at the camp, near the village of Anjar after the first rains fell overnight, demanding better accommodation than the tents they now have. The warning shots were fired when the prisoners began to throw stones at the guards, the eyewitnesses said. The Israeli said everything possible was being done to provide adequate accommodation, including extra blankets and hot drinks.

Police recover chancellor's trousers

LONDON (R) — Police said they had recovered a pair of trousers stolen from a sleeping compartment occupied by British Finance Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe on an overnight train trip last weekend. Sir Geoffrey's driving licence, diary and wallet were with the trousers, found beside the railway line in Warwickshire, but £100 (\$170) cash had been taken from the wallet.

Chamberlain appeal against conviction

SYDNEY (R) — Lindy and Michael Chamberlain Monday appealed against their conviction over the murder of their baby daughter, their lawyer said. The appeal was lodged after Mrs. Chamberlain, 34, jailed for life 10 days ago on charges of killing nine-week-old Azaria, had been told that the four-month-old child she is due to have on Thursday will be taken away from her. "In the interests of the child's welfare, it would be inappropriate for the child to remain in the direct custody of Mrs. Chamberlain," said a statement issued by Jim Robertson, Community development officer in Australia's northern territory.

Chinese defector gets \$2.5 million

TAIPEI (R) — A Chinese air force pilot who defected to Taiwan last month was formally presented with a reward of gold worth about \$2.5 million Monday. Wu Yung-Ken, 25, who held a rank equivalent to captain in the Chinese air force, was also commissioned into the Nationalist Chinese air force with the rank of major. Gen. Hau Pei-Tsan, chief of the general staff, told the presentation ceremony that Maj. Wu's defection was "a decisive act to fight Communism without shedding blood."

Weinberger discusses Soviets in Pacific

WELLINGTON (R) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Monday the Soviet military threat in the South Pacific could not be ignored. The Soviet Union was deploying more surface warships and submarines in the region and was also developing new weapons systems, he told reporters after holding talks with New Zealand government and defence officials. Mr. Weinberger said nuclear-powered ships comprised a large part of the U.S. fleet and were a very essential part of the defence of the South Pacific. But he refused to discuss nuclear-armed ships and said questions on whether a future Labour government would bar nuclear-armed ships from New Zealand were hypothetical.

Prince Philip wants Egyptian peace park

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Illinois (R) — Prince Philip has announced his support for a "park for peace" to be set up in Egypt as an aid to conservation and a memorial to assassinated President Anwar Sadat. "I know there is a need for some such conservation in Egypt," the prince, husband of Queen Elizabeth, said Sunday night in a speech to about 600 Rotarians. Prince Philip, president of the World Wildlife Fund, was invited to Chicago by the local Rotary international branch which originally suggested the idea for the park. Initial plans call for the park to be a refuge, especially for endangered species.

Italians continue to accuse Argentina

ROME (R) — A senior Italian foreign ministry official has said that Argentina is holding 128 political prisoners who are either Italian passport holders or are entitled to Italian citizenship.

During the military government's so-called "dirty war" against leftists in the late 1970s some 300 people of Italian origin disappeared in Argentina.

Commenting on the political prisoners, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Raffaele Costa was quoted in an interview published Sunday in the Rome daily *Messaggero*.

"We think that many of them (the prisoners) have not been tried," Mr. Costa was quoted as saying. "We must ask that all our fellow citizens be given proper trials and, as well, that their treatment conforms to international standards."

He added that the Italian government would press Buenos Aires for appropriate swift judicial action.

Argentina has denied all knowledge of the 300 missing people. The discovery of mass graves in Argentina has aroused strong public anger in the Italian press, which Mr. Costa's statement was likely to increase.

Italian newspapers have run front page accounts of the graves alongside photographs of missing Italian children.

Human rights activists in Argentina believe the graves contain the remains of some of the 30,000 people they estimate fell victim to the death squads of the right.

Saturday, Italian Foreign Min-

ister Emilio Colombo strongly criticised Argentina's military rulers, saying that the country had gone through "a long night of death."

The wife of an editor whose magazine has been closed by the Argentine government flew to Rome from Argentina this weekend and told reporters she had fled after a kidnap attempt.

Italian passport holder Mrs. Maria Palozzi said her husband Jose, editor of the magazine *Ourom*, had stayed in Argentina "to continue his fight for a free press in a free country."

Mrs. Palozzi said passers-by had helped her fight off three men who tried to snatch her on a Buenos Aires street the same day her husband's magazine was banned for printing material embarrassing to the government.

Despite his vain pleas for more

Italy given Hitler-Mussolini documents

ROME (R) — Historic documents returned to Italy this weekend throw fresh light on the mutual admiration of German Nazi leader Adolf Hitler and Italian dictator Benito Mussolini from early 1931 to 1939.

The documents, nine volumes seized from Mussolini's archives in northern Italy the day after partisans killed the fascist dictator and his mistress in 1945, were returned to Italian state archives from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

A U.S. official had taken the documents home as war booty. Trinity College acquired them and they have now been returned to Italy as part of an exchange of research facilities.

They include a letter and signed

photograph sent by Hitler to Mussolini in 1931, when the future führer of the Third Reich was still a struggling politician. Hitler paid tribute to "the spiritual relations between the fundamental canons and principles of fascism and those of the movement I lead."

Foresighting the Italo-German axis that went down to defeat 14 years later, Hitler told Mussolini that "after the victory of National Socialism in Germany, in which I blindly believe, I hope for similar close relations for the good of our two great nations."

It was a different story by 1944, when Mussolini wrote to Hitler as the fascist state crumbled away and allied armies battled their way up the Italian peninsula.

Despite his vain pleas for more

troops and arms, the duce's faith in Hitler was undimmed: "The Italian republic will remain a faithful ally of the Reich in every circumstance until the very end. I want you to believe, my führer, in my sentiments of unfailing friendship," he wrote.

At the same time, the man who had held power in Italy when Hitler was a jailed agitator in Bavaria, complained about the high-handed way in which German officers treated their allies.

Speaking unhesitatingly on behalf of "the Italian masses", Mussolini said they yearned for a counteroffensive to "punish the traitorous monarchy and its accomplices to defeat the Anglo-American forces and mercenaries."

For his comeback, Mr. Brizola abandoned his power base in Rio Grande do Sul for the traditional opposition bastion of Rio de Janeiro. Third most populous of Brazil's 23 states with six million voters, Rio is a vital political centre.

In a low-key campaign, the former firebrand surprised political observers by moving from almost nowhere in the opinion polls in early August to clear leader in a five-horse race.

Whatever the provocation or insults, nothing will move me from the line we have chosen of moderation, balance and firmness," he said in a published reply to his detractors.

Two of the three armed forces ministers launched their own barely-veiled attacks on the Socialist leader during a military ceremony in Brasilia.

"Some people, benefiting from an amnesty inspired by the highest aims of national pacification, present themselves today as accusers, imbued with the lamentable spirit of vengefulness..." said Navy Minister Maximiano Fonseca.

One respected columnist in the journal *Do Brasil* saw the attacks as a sign of potential trouble, as the two ministers are considered moderates in the armed forces.

An article in the *Estado de São Paulo*, quoting a top member of the government's Social Democratic Party (PDS), warned that the election of Mr. Brizola might lead to the annulment of the elections of all governors.

President Figueiredo, however, has staked his reputation on the fairness of the poll.

The question would be resolved simply if Mr. Brizola, a former engineer, were beaten. But the race is still open.

GOREN BRIDGE

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Partner opens the bidding with two no trump. What do you respond?

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦K753 ♠KJ92 ♣J87 483
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1♦ Pass Pass Dble
Pass 1♦ Pass 3♦
Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦K72 ♠AQ10932 ♣AQ5 ♦K5
The bidding has proceeded:
South: West North East
1♦ Pass 2♦ Pass
? What do you bid now?

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦K2 ♠KJ8643 ♣K5 4763
What is your opening lead?

Space walk outside the shuttle

They will also take the first space walk outside a shuttle craft — a 3 1/2 hour excursion inside the Columbia's cargo bay, whose giant doors are kept open while in orbit.

The main aim of this is to evaluate a new spacesuit developed for shuttle missions. They will also test tools, repair procedures and the effect of weightlessness on hardware.

Each seven by two by six metre cylindrical satellite is secured inside the cargo bay by a harness containing explosive devices. These will detonate to eject the satellite from the cargo bay into its own orbit.

The first shuttle-deployed payload will be a communications satellite belonging to satellite business systems of McLean, Virginia, a private company owned jointly by International Business Machines (IBM), AT&T Life and Casualty Company, and Comsat General Corporation. The second is owned by Telesat Canada of Ottawa, which provides voice, data, facsimile and broadcast services to remote parts of Canada.

Columbia is scheduled to be launched from this seaside spaceport at 7.19 a.m. (1219 GMT) on Thursday and returns to earth the following Monday, landing at Edwards Air Force base outside Los Angeles. If conditions permit, it will make its approach and landing automatically by computer, with the pilots poised to take control if necessary.

The shuttle will then return to the Kennedy space centre to be prepared to carry the European-built space lab orbiting laboratory on its next flight, in 1984.

If all goes well, Columbia and its sister ship Challenger, which will fly for the first time in January, along with at least two more ships still under construction, will be making regular flights by 1984.

They will carry satellites, laboratories, telescopes and construction equipment for space stations, along with the scientists and technicians to work them.

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